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Mad Rush!

Crowds at various city markets between 6 am and 10 am could hinder Government's attempt at controlling COVID spread

*OH NO! ... **This was the scene at the Aane Sarot Road (Boti Bazar) in city this morning as people thronged the market to shop before 10 am.***

Mysuru, Apr.30 (MTY&DM)- With the Government allowing essential commodities trading only for four hours from 6 am to 10 am on all days till May 12, when the 14-day Statewide COVID Curfew ends, merchants and traders of the city and district are witnessing a huge rush during this window period.

As a result, Santhepet in the heart of the city, where many wholesale and retail shops selling grains and other commodities are located, is witnessing an unusual rush during the permitted business hours. Traffic jams have become a common sight on all the roads, lanes and sub-roads of Santhepet and vicinity as traders and vendors from rural parts of the district come along with small goods vehicles. Most of the times the roads see bumper-to-bumper traffic during the window period.

Also, violation of COVID-19 guidelines are a common sight here as people don't seem to care for following Government guidelines such as wearing of face mask, maintenance of physical distancing and sanitising of hands. With a high number of customers thronging their shops at once, the traders too have hardly any time to ensure that COVID norms are followed.

A similar situation can be seen around Dufferin Clock Tower (Chikka Gadiyara), Shivarampet and Vinoba Road, where people and traders are seen busy buying fruits, vegetables and other essential commodities.

(See MARKET on page 5)

Former Attorney General
Soli Sorabjee passes away

New Delhi, Apr. 30 - Former Attorney General, senior lawyer and *Padma Vibhushan* awardee Soli Sorabjee (91), passed away at a private hospital here this morning following brief illness. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, who paid tribute to Sorabjee, said, "Sad news. One of our legal luminaries and human rights activists, Soli Sorabjee, passed away. May his soul rest in peace.

Soli J. Sorabjee served the Office of Attorney General of India twice with great distinction... He will be remembered as a legend who added strength to the pillars of democracy."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Sorabjee as an outstanding lawyer and intellectual.

Holiday

Our offices will remain closed tomorrow on account of **May Day.** Hence, there will be no issue of ***Star of Mysore*** dated May 1, 2021. —**Management**

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 30th April 2021

City to get Oxygen
Concentrator Bank soon

Mysuru, Apr. 30- In order to provide oxygen to needy people during the ongoing Corona crisis, all the branches of Bhartiya Jain Sanghthan (BJS) have arranged Oxygen Concentrator Machines across the country.

As part of this noble deed, BJS Mysore Chapter will also be setting up an Oxygen Concentrator Bank with a target of 50 machines.

Initially, five machines have been ordered, which will arrive in Mysuru within a week. Soon the benefit of this service will be provided to the needy.

The 9F-5AW Oxygen Concentrator has a built-in pulse-oximeter with retractable cable and a large back-lit LCD screen for continuous monitoring of oxygen saturation of the patient. The back light has adjustable brightness for comfort. It has a nebulizer outlet, built-in timer and includes a remote control for easy control by the patient. The flow meter is also back-lit. This model features a self-diagnosis system and comes with multiple safety alarms.

The precision compressor is made with German technology and has a service life of over 30,000 hours. The air inlet is situated at the top of the unit to reduce intake of dust particles and improve longevity.

The Project Directors are Rajan Baghmar, Praveen Lunk and Mahavir Derasaria assisted by Vimal Pitlya - President and Nisha Ramsina -Secretary, BJS, Mysuru Chapter.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Women are decision-makers for spending and savings in most low-income households. They are thus more committed and disciplined savers than men. In our pilot project, we found 32% of women who were committed to saving versus 25% of men. These women grew their balances by 36% during the project period of five months (versus 24% by men). This showed that when given the opportunity, women save and by doing so build financial resilience.

Women's engagement with financial institutions and their ability to access participation in work and credit from such institutions can increase their social capital. Empowering 230 million women Jan Dhan customers financially leads to the potential upliftment of 920 million lives, at an average family of four. It is economically viable for banks to target women, while contributing to such social good. The second wave of the pandemic has intensified the need for economic support. Our research shows that the government's continued focus on women and their inclusion in the financial sector can have a transformative impact in boosting household economic resilience, expanding women's access to credit and work opportunities, aiding empowerment and equity.

— *Sriraman Jagannathan in Hindustan Times*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Artist turns figurines into anime characters

Tokyo: A talented Japanese artist using airbrushes and classic brushes is transforming generic plastic figurines of popular anime characters into custom works of art.

The mysterious artist, who goes by MA Man on social media, specialises in taking commercially available figurines of popular anime series from series like Dragon Ball or JoJo's Bizarre Adventure and giving them the custom treatment and turning them into awe-inspiring artworks. Ma Man uses both airbrushing and classic painting techniques to emphasize the figurine's features, like their muscles or the creases of their clothes to make them look as cool and detailed as possible.

The figurines that MA Man starts out with are not bad to begin with, but compared to how they end up looking when he's done with them, there's really no comparison!

Rare disease turns fingers into white or blue

New York: Raynaud syndrome, also known as Raynaud's phenomenon, is a rare medical condition that limits blood supply to fingers, and sometimes to the toes, causing them to temporarily turn white or blue.

Named after physician Auguste Gabriel Maurice Raynaud, who first described it in his doctoral thesis in 1862, this rare condition can be described as an over reaction to stimuli like cold or stress. In the case of the former, the body tries to conserve heat by slowing down the flow of blood to the farthest points, such as the fingers.

To do that, the small arteries that carry blood to those points constrict, thus causing the extremities to temporarily turn white and then blue, due to the prolonged lack of oxygen in the affected area.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What is IVF/ invitrofertilisation?

In vitro fertilisation (IVF) is a process of fertilisation, where the egg that has been collected from the woman's ovary is combined with sperm outside the body, in an incubator, in the laboratory. The fertilised egg, now known as the embryo, after being cultured for 3 or 5 days, is then transferred into the woman's uterus.

***Dr. Nivedita Shetty** - Chief of Reproductive Medicine & IVF*

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Apitherapy promotes honeybee products for therapeutic use. Raw honey is used to treat burns, acne and sore throat. Bee pollen acts as a protein supplement and an allergy treatment. Propolis lowers cholesterol, and beeswax is used as a burn ointment. Bee venom has been shown to treat many conditions.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	APR.28	APR.29
Day's Positive Cases	1,759	1,219
Total Positive Cases	72,056	73,275
Day's Discharges	882	955
Total Discharges	62,762	63,717
Day's Deaths	11	12
Total Deaths	1,180	1,192
Total Active Cases	8,114	8,366

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

No travel passes will be issued, says Police Comr.

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (RK&DM)- City Police Commissioner **Dr. Chandragupta** has said that the Police Department will not issue any travel or movement passes to members of the public during the entire period of COVID-19 Curfew.

Pointing out that those engaged in essential services should carry their identity cards or other supporting documents for their travel needs, he clarified that the Police do not issue any type of travel passes.

REALLY...?

- ***One species of jellyfish is immortal.***
- ***A snail can sleep for three years at a time.***
- ***There are 1 million ants for every human in the world.***
- ***A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes.***
- ***A blue whale weighs as much as three elephants and is as long as three Greyhound buses.***
- ***Sharks kill fewer than 10 people per year. Humans kill about 100 million sharks per year.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Husband came home drunk.
To avoid wife's scolding, he took a laptop and started working.
***Wife:** Did you drink?*
***Husband:** No.*
***Wife:** Idiot, then why are you typing on suitcase !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.04
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.04
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.16
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.66

VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos to Namma Mysuru's people-friendly Corporators

Connecting to voters via WhatsApp Groups

Sir,

This has reference to the letter by Sundara Murthy *(SOM* dated Apr. 27) regarding the novel idea of WhatsApp group created by Dr. Roopa, Corporator, pertaining to Ward No. 53, to get in direct contact with residents. This is really appreciable.

However, this is to inform *SOM* readers that Geethashree Yoganand, Corporator of Ward No. 65 (Srirampura) had created WhatsApp group exclusively for her Ward covering more than 300 residents way back in Nov. 2018 (MCC election was held in Sept. 2018).

Eversince, Geethashree has been attending every complaints, issues very promptly received in the group. Anyhow, this is a good idea of using social media to address public grievances and one of the most effective tool in reaching their voters. Kudos to all the people's representatives who are using this novel idea.

— C. Hara Kumar
Srirampura 3rd Stage
29.4.2021

II

Sir,

I was very happy to read about the wonderful job being carried out by Corporator Dr. Roopa *(SOM* dated Apr.27).

I would like to add here that our Ward Corporator Nirmala and Dr. Harish are also doing yeoman service to the residents, be it fixing of street lights, getting the drainage and vacant sites cleaned. We are all connected through WhatsApp. In fact, recently they did a wonderful job of getting all of us vaccinated.

—Karuna Venkatraman
CFTRI Layout, Bogadi
28.4.2021

Obituary

Baduvamanda Muthamma

Mysuru,Apr. 30 - Baduvamanda Muthamma (Kulletira), wife of late Achappa Master and a resident of Pollibetta in Kodagu, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city. She was 81.

A native of Kavadi village in Ammathi, she leaves behind son Dinesh Cariappa, daughter Dr. Meera Achappa, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage yesterday, according to family sources.

Anil Varghese Chandy

Anil Varghese Chandy (53), son of Prof. Jacob Chandy and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away in Bengaluru yesterday (April 29) evening following brief illness.

He leaves behind his father, wife, one son, one brother and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral was held in Bengaluru today, according to family sources.

Kaveramma

Sriranga-patna: Kaveramma (95), wife of late Chikkaide-gowda and a resident of Arakere in Srirangapatna taluk, passed away in the wee hours of today at her residence.

She leaves behind three sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Arakere this noon, according to family sources.

Janaki

Madikeri: Janaki (76), wife of P. Biddappa and a resident of Madikeri, passed away yesterday evening following a heart attack.

She leaves behind her husband, sons Nagesh Panathale, a photo journalist and Satish Kumar and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Madikeri Burial Grounds this morning, according to family sources.

Devaki

Hunsur : Devaki (58), a CESC employee, wife of late K.D. Manjunath and a resident of Kalkunike Housing Board Colony, passed away yesterday.

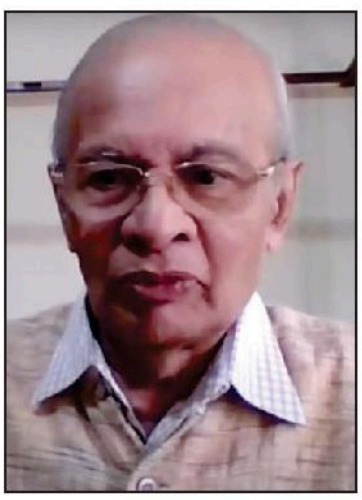
She leaves behind one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held yesterday, according to family sources.

'Explore the world of knowledge to generate innovative ideas'

Ex-VC Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda tells youths

Mysuru, Apr. 30- World Creativity and Innovation Day and World Earth Day were celebrated virtually at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru campus on Apr. 21 and 22 respectively. Technical talks by experts, demo sessions by innovators, insights from entrepreneurs and various competitions kindled the creative and innovative sparks among people of all ages who participated in the event.



Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda

K.J. Pavan

Prof. K. Chidananda Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University, who inaugurated the Institution Innovation Council Cell, said "Necessity is the mother of inventions and creativity is the mother of innovation. Smile is creative and laughter is innovative."

Elaborating on the subject, he cited great innovators such as Elmer Gates, Henry Ford, Nicholas Tesla, Elias Howe and others to bring out the significance of creativity in human society leading to innovation. He said that it is because of creativity from the sewing machine to automobile, we have reached the present level of technical progression which can be observed for minute hierarchical innovations in their technology.

He also emphasised the need for present generation to explore the world of knowledge to generate innovative ideas by identifying the known, unknown and unknowable realms of knowledge.

Cindana Manikvel from Sugar Monkeys spoke on the need for creativity and innovation for succeeding in business. Prof. Nithin S. Kale, Chief Technological officer, Nanosniff Technologies, IIT Mumbai, addressed on research, innovation and entrepreneurship at Nanosniff.

Rini Sajeesh spoke on how her daughter ventured into Soap making despite her autistic barrier.

Janardhan of Arivu Foundation spoke on how their institution inculcates creativity among young minds which will help them learn life lessons.

RJ Anjali of Red FM shared some of her creative ideas in making Wealth out of Waste.

Dr. K. Sooraj, INSPIRE Faculty Fellow at IISER Trivandrum, delivered a technical talk on Computational studies for the development of electrode materials for Li and post-Li ion batteries.

Montry Manuel from Austria presented Thalavattam, an innovative eco-friendly music composition using PVC pipes and utensils.

Dr. G. Ajay Kumar, Senior Researcher, Convergence Research Centre for Future Automotive Technology, South Korea delivered a technical talk on Current Trends and Future with Automotive Technology.

World Earth Day

RJ Avinash of Big FM spoke on the need to conserve mother Earth. K.J. Pavan, Environmentalist, demonstrated about the practice of Vermi Composting through a video presentation.

Vinay D. Nayak, an entrepreneur, suggested the audience to indulge in gifting of saplings. Technical talks by Dr. T.P. Vinod, Associate Professor, Christ Deemed to be University, Bengaluru and Dr.Himanshu Gupta, Assistant Professor, Institute of Foreign Trade and Management (IFTM) University, Moradabad, UP enlightened young minds to save mother earth.

The event witnessed an overwhelming response with over 600 entries for contests on Drawing, Kitchen Hacks, Wealth Out of Waste, 140 Character Test and Slogan Writing. E-Certificates and Gift Vouchers to winners were distributed online.

Brahmachari Anantaananda Chaitanya, Director, Amrita Mysuru; Brahmachari Muktidamrta Chaitanya, Correspondent, Amrita Mysuru; Dr. G. Ravindranath, Principal; Dr. Rekha Bhat, Academic Coordinator and others were present on the occasion.

Over 1,000 participants were a witness to the event through online platforms, Microsoft Teams and YouTube Live.

Popular TN film-maker K.V. Anand passes away

K.V. Anand

Chennai, Apr. 30 (UNI) - Popular Tamil film cinematographer-director K.V. Anand passed away in the wee hours of today, after suffering a massive cardiac arrest. He was 54.

Tamil film industry sources said that Anand suffered chest pain late last night and he himself drove to a hospital in the city from his Adyar residence on a car and got himself admitted. However, he passed away without responding to treatment in the early hours of today.

Anand began his film career as a cinematographer with Malayalam movie 'Thenmavin Kombath' in 1994. After a career as a cinematographer for over a decade, Anand made his directorial debut with popular hit films like 'Kana Kandaen'.

He went on to helm films like 'Ayan', 'Ko', 'Maattrraan', 'Aneagan', 'Kavan' and 'Kaappaan'. The Tamil film industry, which is yet to recover from the sudden demise of popular comedian and activist Vivek, mourned the death of Anand.

Leading actors, artistes and film personalities took to the social media to express their condolences to the deceased filmmaker.

NEWS BRIEFS

Online Yoga training

As part of International Yoga Day, the Government College of Yoga and Naturopathy, will be conducting online Yoga training for members of the public. The training will include lessons on immunity building, mental stress management, breathing exercises etc., For details, contact Mob: 99860-24382.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	93.52 feet
Yesterday	:	93.65 feet
Inflow	:	192 cusecs
Outflow	:	421 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2260.05 feet
Inflow	:	135 cusecs
Outflow	:	775 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,819.64 feet
Inflow	:	244 cusecs
Outflow	:	100 cusecs

Banning visitors for 400-odd days saved Bylakuppe from virus

Bylakuppe, Apr. 30 (Rajesh& BCT)- There is an exponential increase in COVID-19 cases across the country and even in a place like Mysuru that is considered relatively safe tier-2 city. However, the Bylakuppe Tibetan Settlement, located at the border of Mysuru district towards Kodagu has not been affected by the virus. Thanks to the stringent measures taken by the people who are at the helm of monasteries.

The settlement has been closed to outside visitors since the last 402 days ever since the news of COVID-19 outbreak started trickling from India. Probably following the strict protocol advice from their base camp at Dharamshala in Tibet, next to China — the world's epicentre of the virus — the monasteries felt the need to ban the entry of outsiders into the settlement.

There are over 40,000 closely knit families of Tibetans settled at Bylakuppe and a disease of this magnitude could have spelt a disaster. Thanks to the stringent measures, there are only a handful of COVID-positive persons in the settlement and they have recuperated now. Monks have turned sticklers for rules and have fully adhered to the Government guidelines even at homes and outside.

The Bylakuppe Settlement is one of the oldest settlements in India and the camp has connections across 150 nations worldwide. All the entrances to the Tibetan Camp were declared shut and precautionary measures, including screening of monks who have come from outside the camp, have been in force since January last year.

Notably, the public celebration of Tibetan New Year called 'Losar' that is usually celebrated across Bylakuppe in a grand scale was also not held due to the pandemic. Celebrations were strictly within the community and at homes. Tibetans are settled across 15 camps in Bylakuppe and the monastery management is ensuring safety of all with frequent communication, awareness and also targeted management.

Tibetans believe in mass prayers and on many occasions, mass prayers are organised every other day where monks huddle together and chant mantras. But ever since the COVID outbreak was reported, mass prayers have been banned and only a handful of monks indulge in prayers and follow the social distancing guidelines. Each day, only four monks perform the daily rituals at the monastery, while ensuring social distancing, said monk authorities.

Monk authorities said that the entry ban will continue till normalcy returns. As part of the COVID unlock system adopted last year, the Centre and State Governments relaxed lockdown norms in phases bringing normalcy. But monk heads and administrators decided to keep the monasteries closed and not even a single visitor from outside was allowed.

The orders banning outside visitors was issued by Buddhist Monks Charitable Trust and also restricted the monks from moving around on the premises. Though the Trust had made up its mind to open the monasteries, the plans were shelved as the second wave has hit in a deadlier format.

Even when the Government decided to throw open the tourism sector, the monk authorities did not relent and kept the gates closed. Bylakuppe is one of the must-visit tourist destinations in Kodagu and the monasteries, Golden Temple and other imposing structures are always present in the tourist itinerary. Since last January, however, the gates were closed and whichever tourist who came to Bylakuppe had to return disappointed. Notably, even VIP visits were discouraged and the monk *diktat* prevailed.

Immersion of ashes banned at Srirangapatna

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (DM)- With the famous Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, where Cauvery River flows, witnessing a sudden surge in the number of people visiting the spot for immersion of ashes of the dead of their near and dear ones, Srirangapatna Tahsildar has ordered a ban on immersion of ashes and other associated articles in Cauvery River.

As the number of deaths due to COVID-19 is rising by the day, people are thronging the Fort Town of Srirangapatna, where River Cauvery flows, to immerse the ashes of the dead.

Following numerous public complaints that people from many parts of the State, especially from Bengaluru and Mysuru are thronging Paschimavahini, Gosai Ghat, Sangama and B.G. Hole, all located in the vicinity of the town, for immersion of ashes and performance of customary rituals for the dead at Cauvery River during COVID curfew, a team of officials led by Tahsildar M.V. Roopa visited the spots on Wednesday and ordered a complete ban on immersion of ashes in Cauvery River till further Government orders.

With the Tahsildar ordering a complete ban, the Police have erected barricades at ashes immersion spots at Paschimavahini, Cauvery Sangama, Gosai Ghat and Sopanakatte in order to prevent people from performing the rituals of the dead.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bhanu Prakash Sharma, President of Shaswathi Dharmika Kriya Samithi at Srirangapatna has welcomed the order banning immersion of ashes in River Cauvery. Maintaining that the ban is a good decision considering the health and safety of the people, Dr. Bhanu Prakash said that immersion of ashes has its own special rituals for *Moksha* of souls. He wanted the authorities to identify a specific spot along Cauvery River for the benefit of people.

Mad rush at Marketplaces

Crowding of people and traffic jam was witnessed near Dufferin Clock Tower (pic. left) and at Santhepet this morning.

(Continued from page 1)

There is no sign of adhering to COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) at these places also and people who are busy buying their essentials within the 10 am deadline, seem to ignore the regular public announcements made by the Police.

The narrow Ane Sarot Road (Boti Bazar Road), which is always a crowded street, is all the more crowded during the COVID Curfew window period from 6 am to 10 am. The road, where Mutton Market is located, is dotted by fruits and vegetables vendors, both wholesale and retail, as well as a good number of pushcart vendors, leaving little space for pedestrian and vehicular movement on this highly congested road. With such a large crowd hitting the streets for purchases, the Police often have a hard time in crowd management and regulation of vehicular movement. This road also witnesses frequent traffic jams, with vehicles moving at a snail's pace.

The situation is no better on M.G. Road, where over 400 vegetable traders and vendors, most of whom are from villages around the city, do business. As most of the bulk supplies of fruits and vegetables are offloaded on this road, vendors from surrounding villages and other parts of the city throng the M.G. Road Vegetable Market for early trading.

With the Market having little space to accommodate such a big number of fruit and vegetable dealers and sellers, the market presents a picture of over0crowding on all days. Now with COVID Curfew in place, the Market is all the more overcrowded from 6 am to 10 am with people, who are eager to finish off their purchases in quick time, haphazardly parking their vehicles on the road itself, thus impeding vehicular movement.

Also, despite repeated public announcements and warnings, people seem little concerned about following COVID guidelines. With rampant violations of CAB, citizens are worried that such crowded marketplaces may turn out into a COVID hotspot spreading rapidly to rural areas too.

People shop at M.G. Road Vegetable Market without physical distancing.

Last year, the District Administration, as a decongestion measure, had decentralised the city markets by establishing makeshift markets at the sprawling Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Lalitha Mahal Palace Grounds, Torch-light Parade Grounds in Bannimantap and Raitha Santhe at Ramakrishnanagar. But this year, the authorities have not decentralised the markets.

As only wholesale business is allowed at Dasara Exhibition venue, the business hours in the COVID Curfew period is limited to just two hours from 6 am to 8 am. On normal days, the business hours used to commence as early as 4 am, with buyers from neighbouring States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala arriving in the wee hours.

As this ground is a venue for inter-State trading of fruits and vegetables, the business will close at 8 am, following which the MCC's Abhaya team will send everyone out and take control of the ground, after making a public announcement. The sellers are asked to fully cover their unsold fruits and vegetables before they leave the venue.

As far as the three major markets of the city — Devaraja, Mandi and V.V. Markets — are concerned, business is allowed on an odd-even basis, where shops having odd and even numbers open only on specified days. The odd-even formula has helped in regulating the crowd to some extent at these markets. However, shop-keepers and the public question why this rule is not implemented in M.G. Road Vegetable Market, which is more crowded and prone to becoming a COVID hotspot, with COVID guidelines going for a toss at the venue.

Vegetable vendors fear losses

With the Government allowing only a four-hour window for markets to function, push-cart and street vendors have become vulnerable to losses. Small vendors doing business in the vicinity of Small Clock Tower are a worried lot over the small period of time. Pointing out that their business will come down as days pass by with people making bulk purchases enough to last for a good number of days, the small vendors fear that their unsold fruits and vegetables may get rotten due to lack of ventilation, as they are tightly covered with plastic covers.

KMF releases Ayurvedic milk with medicinal properties

Mysuru, Apr.30 (MTY&DM)-With the second wave of the deadly COVID 19 pandemic causing havoc across the State, seven flavours of Ayurvedic Milk having medicinal properties produced by the State-controlled KMF(Karnataka Milk Federation) has hit the markets.

MyMUL(Mysuru Milk Union) President P.M. Prasanna released the Ayurvedic milk at the Mega Dairy premises on Bannur road here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Prasanna said that the Ayurvedic Milk is an immunity booster and has been released to the markets in different flavours, including Pepper, Thulasi, Ginger, Ahwagandha and Turmeric. Pointing out that this Ayurvedic Milk, developed by KMF, is available at all Nandini outlets across the State, he said that the Milk is available in 200 ML glass bottles, priced at Rs.20 each.

Continuing, Prasanna said that already 2,000 litres of Ayurveda Milk has arrived in Mysuru and 2,000 more litres is expected by Friday. Maintaining that MyMUL will get stocks from Bengaluru Mother Dairy depending upon the demand, he said that the Milk bottles have a shelf life of three months. He reiterated that the Ayurvedic Milk will help in boosting immunity to epidemic diseases at a time when Coronavirus is on a rampage. MyMUL Managing Director D. Ashok, Marketing Manager S.M. Pradeep and Manager K.S. Jagadish were present.

COVID WARRIORS

Two Labs: One MISSION

The importance of Laboratory was understood when the deadly COVID-19 pandemic struck the whole world. In India, where healthcare facilities are still in primary stage, this contagion came as a rude shock. People came to know about the important role of a laboratory as every swab sample collected was tested before certifying whether the patient is positive or negative. In Mysuru too, the Government Laboratories were not designed to handle testing of an invisible virus but it worked swiftly in this direction by setting up two Labs to test the samples and give quick results.

At present, Mysuru has three COVID-19 Testing Labs — One at the Microbiology Department (on the premises of K.R. Hospital) in Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI); second one at JSS Hospital and the third is the CSIR-CFTRI Testing Centre.

Today, *SOM* features the two public institutions that have been providing services to the public free of cost since the outbreak. —Ed

A group photo of the dedicated team working round-the-clock at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) Lab.

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (SSV&LNY)- They have forgotten what leave or weekly off means as they are working without it for almost a year except for a brief period in February this year. The working hours of these staff members go beyond 12 hours with or without break.

This is the story of Corona Warriors at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) RT-PCR Testing Lab which is functioning 24x7 since the outbreak of COVID-19 in March last year.

Understanding the importance of test result they give, a team of doctors and technical staff under the leadership of Dr. Amruthakumari, Nodal Officer, MMC&RI Laboratory, they have been working day and night racing against time.

"From March 2020 till March 2021, we have tested 5,60,000 samples with an average of 3,000 to 3,500 tests a day," Dr. Amruthakumari told *SOM*.

She said the Lab works in four shifts including general shift from 9 am to 5 pm. Timing of three other shifts is: 7 am to 2 pm, 2 pm to 9 pm and from 4 pm till the day's work ends.

Their work has increased ever since the unprecedented increase in Corona positive cases now. The number of testing has gone up to 3,500 samples daily due to testing of primary and secondary contacts of positive patients. The small team of dedicated staff has been handling the maximum number of samples daily to give test results within the mandated 24 hours.

"We have five teams within the laboratory — sample receiving team, extraction team, RT-PCR team, reporting team and data entry team. Once test result comes, it has to be uploaded to ICMR portal immediately. We were relaxed little bit in February this year with the positive cases hitting rock bottom. But after the spike in cases, our work has doubled. The laboratory receives around 4,000 to 4,500 samples collected from throughout the district but we can test only around 3,500 samples as the machinery does not have the capacity to handle more," she said.

Dr. Amruthakumari said they were well aware as to how people will be tensed till they get RT-PCR report. Understanding their emotions, the lab staff are working beyond their time limit.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj said, "I am very proud about my team of doctors and technicians who are working day and night. Some data operators have gone on quarantine. Those who have been taken as stop-gap arrangement are given three to four days of training, before putting them on job."

Lab technicians on the job at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute Laboratory.

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (SSV&LNY)- To deal with RT-PCR test samples from Taluks and other Centres, another laboratory, CSIR-CFTRI COVID-19 Testing Centre was set up at the Government Ayurveda Hi-Tech Panchakarma Hospital at Brindavan Extension (KRS Road) in city.

It was done as per the directions from Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, DG-CSIR, Dr. KSMS Raghavrao, former CFTRI Director and Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, the current CFTRI Director, to support the District Administration and the State Government in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Prakash M. Halami is the Coordinator and Dr. P.V. Ravindra is the In-Charge Coordinator-cum-Lab-In-Charge.

So far, this Centre has crossed the testing of 2,20,000 COVID-19 samples, a remarkable achievement since its inception in August last year. The Centre receives samples from TB and District Hospital, KR Nagar, Hunsur and Periyapatna taluks.

This Centre consistently tests around 2,000 samples per day with the support of two RT-PCR machines and one RNA extractor.

DC PROMISES MORE STAFF

Speaking to *SOM*, Dr. Ravindra said "Earlier we were testing by pooling of samples, but with the increase in positivity rate more than 5 percent, testing is done for each sample that amounts to almost 2,000 reactions per day. This will be a burden on both machines as well as the workforce. In this direction, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has agreed to provide more human resources to strengthen our Centre. And District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath also has deputed additional Data Entry Operators (DEOs) to our Centre. We have also requested the State to provide us one more RNA extractor and the RT-PCR machine to strengthen our Centre to handle more tests."

DRY SWAB METHOD

He said "We also plan to introduce ICMR approved, CSIR-CCMB developed, 'dry swab method.' This method has the advantage of doing direct PCR without RNA extraction. This will save a lot of consumables, time and as well as funds. We can also ramp up the testing numbers."

LESS SALARY

"The primary issue we are facing is the salary for lab technicians, who get only Rs. 10,000 per month with a lot of risks involved, especially with an increased positivity rate. Further, deputed people also have to work at both places without remuneration. I request that the salary for technicians may be increased and deputed personnel may be provided with suitable remuneration. Also, the technicians may be provided with travel assistance, especially during his curfew period," he noted.

Meanwhile, Dr. Ravindra has expressed his gratitude to the DG-CSIR, CSIR-CFTRI Director, RBI-Mysuru branch, District Administration and the State Government for supporting the CFTRI Testing Centre financially and also for providing them an opportunity to serve the public during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. P.V. Ravindra, Lab-In-Charge, overseeing the work at CFTRI Lab.

The team of CSIR-CFTRI COVID Testing Centre set up at Government Ayurveda Hi-Tech Panchakarma Hospital on KRS Road in city.

Rebecca and Victoria

Paintings of Victoria Gowramma (left) and Rebecca Pocahontas

By C.P. Belliappa

Pocahontas, the beautiful daughter of the American Indian chief of the Powhatan Confederacy, was born in 1596 in what is now known as Jamestown, Virginia, in the USA. Her rank was that of a Princess. 16th and 17th century saw rapid colonisation of the Americas by the European nations. History is replete with the brave fights the native Americans put-up against the white man who came with superior weapons and technology, and ultimately subdued the original inhabitants.

C.P. Belliappa

Chief Powhatan was a formidable opponent of the alien settlers. One of the British colonisers who encountered chief Powhatan was John Smith. In a skirmish, the British were outnumbered, and John Smith was taken prisoner. When Smith was about to be executed, the then 11-year-old Pocahontas intervened and saved his life. John Smith was held captive for a while by the Powhatan chief. The young and impressionable Pocahontas was intrigued by the white man. She used to visit the prisoner frequently and in time learnt a smattering of English from him. John Smith subtly introduced Pocahontas to Christianity.

Years later, during the first Anglo-Powhatan war in 1613, Pocahontas was taken hostage by the British. During this period, she was taught English and the scriptures in more detail. Soon her indoctrination was complete. In 1614 Pocahontas was baptised and was given the name Rebecca.

Fast forward to 1852. The 11-year-old Gowramma, the favourite daughter of the last Raja of Coorg, was taught English and the scriptures by the British during their exile in Benares. The Raja and Princess Gowramma land in Victorian England in 1852. Presented at Queen Victoria's court, the queen took the vulnerable Gowramma under her wing as her God-daughter and encouraged her baptism. Gowramma was given the name Victoria. Queen Victoria bestowed Gowramma with a rank equivalent to that of an European Princess.

During her captivity, Rebecca Pocahontas fell in love with John Rolfe, a British tobacco trader and grower. John Rolfe was a widower. 18-year-old Rebecca married the much older John Rolfe in 1614.

When Victoria Gowramma was 19 years old, she got romantically involved with a British army officer: Lieutenant Colonel John Campbell, who had served in India. He was a widower, and 30 years her senior. They were married in 1860.

John Rolfe and Rebecca Pocahontas had a son named Thomas Rolfe. In 1616, John Rolfe brought his wife and infant son to England. Pocahontas was presented at the court of King James I, where she was given a reception with protocol normally extended to a daughter of a king.

In March 1617 John Rolfe and his family boarded a ship to sail back to America. Rebecca Pocahontas suddenly took ill and had to be taken ashore. Within days Rebecca died, and it is suspected that the cause of her death was either pneumonia or tuberculosis. She was 21 years old.

Victoria Gowramma and John Campbell had a daughter named Edith Victoria. Gowramma suffered from tuberculosis and succumbed to the disease in 1864 at the age of 23.

Rebecca and Victoria, separated by nearly 250 years, had uncanny similarities in their lives.

Winner of TiE University Pitchfest-2021 to get Rs. 1 lakh cash prize from TiE Mysuru Chapter

Mysuru, Apr. 30- You may be able to refill your EV scooter in 15 seconds and continue your journey if the young entrepreneurs who are testing this idea become successful. This and other solutions were part of the TiE University Pitchfest - 2021 for University students conducted by The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Mysuru Chapter.

More than 48 teams from 26 institutions across Karnataka participated in the virtual event. As part of the competition, teams pitched their ideas to the panel of experts that included successful entrepreneurs, academicians and professionals. Four teams made it to the final round. They are:

1. Drona Automations, founded by Suraj Wodeyar from VIAT Muddenahalli, which has developed an innovative Horizontal Sewer Pipes Cleaning Robot to provide controlled cleaning of pipes.

2. Sapientury, co-founded by S.L. Kushal and Komala Channa from RV College of Engineering, is an IIMB-incubated, EdTech start-up that has developed a DIY Kit coupled with online micro-courses for engineering students to become industry-ready by learning beyond the syllabus.

3. InfinityX Innovations, founded by Satyam Raj of Cambridge

Komala Channa S.L. Kushal

Institute of Technology, is working on accelerating the adoption of electric vehicles in India with their automatic battery swapping stations through an innovative battery pack and swapping cable setup.

4. Broomstick, a Mysuru-based startup, is developing an innovative device for commercial floor cleaning for the Indian market. Broomstick was co-founded by Mehul Jain and K.G. Yogindra from The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru.

The panel of judges including Craig Abbott, Managing Partner, CWA Advisors and Board Member, TiE New York, USA, Hemaltha Annamalai, former CEO and MD, Ampere Vehicles and Past President TiE Coimbatore Chapter and Viiveck Verma, Founder of UpSurge Enterprise Solutions Pvt. Ltd and Board Member, TiE Hyderabad Chapter, evaluated the pitches on parameters like, innovation, scalability, market opportunity, commercialisation and business model.

The winner — Team Sapientury — will now participate in the TiE Global University Pitchfest to be held in May 2021 and will receive Rs. 1,00,000 cash prize from TiE Mysuru Chapter, including Rs.50,000 sponsored by D. Sudhanva, CEO of Excelsoft. All teams will receive 1,000 dollars Amazon Web Service (AWS) credits along with one-year TiE Mysuru Student Membership and participation certificates.

K-tech Innovation Hub powered by IKP partnered with TiE Mysuru on this project, and offered 3 months free incubation and mentorship support to the top 4 finalists.

A series of free workshops and mentoring sessions were organised by TiE for the benefit of the teams. All teams were mentored and guided by TiE Mysuru Chapter members and partners.

Ajith Pai, President of TiE Mysuru said "TiE Mysuru strives to provide the necessary enabling ecosystem to students to nurture them into quality entrepreneurs through such events."

Dr. Mahesh Rao, Charter Member and Head, TiE-University Mysuru and other charter members contributed to the success of the event.

Judge asks people to follow COVID guidelines

Mysuru, Apr.30 (DM)- Stressing on the need for following COVID-19 appropriate behaviour, Senior Civil Judge Devaraj Bhuthe, who is also the Member-Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), has advised people to contact the Authority for any legal help during the current crisis.

In a press release, Bhuthe asked people not to unnecessarily come out of their homes and to adhere to COVID guidelines issued by the Government.

Pointing out that the Government has launched a nationwide drive for vaccinating the eligible population, he said that everyone should make use of this drive and get vaccinated for their own health, safety and well-being.

For legal assistance, call Helplines
1800-425-90900 and
1800-425-0131 or
0821- 2330130

Noting that people can register with online portal or by visiting the local health centre, he said that vaccination can be done at Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres, Taluk and District Hospitals.

Asking the people not to show any negligence, Judge Bhuthe reiterated that it is the responsibility of every citizen to follow COVID Curfew regulations and to take every possible precautionary measures against the dreaded virus.

He further said that DLSA has set up Helplines – 1800-425-90900 and 1800-425-0131. Also, the public can contact DLSA Office on Ph: 0821- 2330130 for any legal assistance.

Tourist vehicle owners and drivers donate blood

Mysuru, Apr.30- Over 20 members of Mysuru District Tourist Vehicle Owners and Drivers Welfare Association voluntarily donated blood at a blood donation camp organised at Jeevadhara Blood Bank in city recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Blood Bank Director Girish said that blood donation is vital at a time when the country is battling the COVID crisis.

Explaining the importance of blood donation when the country is desperately in need of blood stocks, Girish said that all healthy people should voluntarily come forward to donate blood before they get COVID vaccine jab.

He further said that all blood donors will be issued certificates and such persons will get blood, should they need it in emergencies and other critical situations.

Association President Nagaraj, Prabhakar, Puttabuddhi, Manjunath and others were present.

Seize and Ride

Cops take away vehicles of COVID Curfew violators

A Cop is seen checking the Identity Card of a motorist before allowing him to proceed further at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa Circle (Metropole Hotel Circle) last night. Picture right shows a Policeman riding away a seized two-wheeler and another Cop taking a car to the Police Station.

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (RK&KS) - The Mysuru City Police (both Traffic and Civil), who have intensified checking of vehicles to stop people, especially youths moving around unnecessarily during COVID Curfew, have intensified their checking drive and are seizing the vehicles of offenders. The Cops took away a few vehicles that were seized yesterday.

The 14-day COVID Curfew is in force from Apr. 27 night and will end at 6 am on Apr. 12. A time of four hours from 6 am to 10 am is given daily for the public to purchase essentials.

The Police have barricaded all important junctions, Circles and prominent roads in and around city and are keeping a hawk eye vigil on violators. Connecting roads to City such as Hunsur Road near Lingadevarakoppal, Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near K.R. Mills, KRS Road near Sunanda Factory, Bogadi Road-Ring Road Junction, H.D. Kote Road-Ring Road Junction, Nanjangud Road-Ring Road Junction, Bannur Road-Ring Road Junction and Mahadevapura Road-Ring Road Junction among others are barricaded and the Police along with Home Guards are manning these junctions and roads to prevent unnecessary movement of vehicles.

Yesterday, the Police conducted checking of vehicles at Metropole Hotel Circle and questioned the motorists for moving around during COVID Curfew hours. While a few motorists told the Cops that they were returning home from work, the Police, who checked their Identity Cards (ID) for confirmation, allowed them to go and the vehicles of a few motorists, who could not give satisfactory reply to the Cops, were seized.

In some cases, the Cops rode away a few two-wheelers which were seized, while in some cases Home Guards rode pillion with vehicle owners riding the bike to the Police Station. Cases have been registered against violators.

A Police officer said that the 14-day COVID Curfew is implemented to stop people from moving unnecessarily to prevent the second wave of COVID-19 from spreading, which the people should understand as it is for their own good. "Vehicle can be released by paying penalty, but what if people contract the virus and suffer? Prevention is always better than cure," he said and urged the people to stay indoors during COVID Curfew and refrain from moving around unnecessarily.

281 vehicles seized

A total of 281 vehicles have been seized by the Police in city yesterday (Apr. 29) for violating COVID Curfew regulations.

Among the 281 vehicles that were seized for violating the rules and moving around on city roads unnecessarily yesterday are - 248 two-wheelers; Four autorickshaws; One goods auto and 28 Four-wheelers.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said that vehicles of those found moving around unnecessarily on city roads would be seized and strict action would be taken against the vehicle owners, according to the press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Direct interview at MMC&RI

Mysuru, Apr. 30- The Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) will be conducting direct interviews tomorrow (May1) for appointment to various posts at COVID-19 Hospitals on a three-month contract basis.

The interviews will be held for appointment to Lab Technician (2 posts), Data Entry Operator (2 posts), Nursing staff (4 posts), Oxygen Technician (3 posts), X-Ray Technician (7 posts) and D-Group workers (50 posts). The interview will take place at MMC&RI from 7.30 am to 9.30 am tomorrow and the appointment will be made based on Merit Cum Roster basis. For more details, call Ph: 0821- 2520512, according to a press release.

DC instructs companies to ensure adequate supply of oxygen

Mysuru, Apr.30 (SSV)- Highlighting the importance of oxygen in the wake of surge in COVID-19 cases, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri has instructed manufacturers of medical oxygen and refill companies to deliver oxygen as per the State Government's guidelines.

She was presiding over the meeting of medical oxygen manufacturers in the district here yesterday.

In the wake of COVID-19 surge, she asked them to strictly go by the Government's guidelines and supply medical oxygen to only those told by the District Administration.

The DC said a Nodal Officer has been appointed for every oxygen manufacturing and oxygen refilling company to ensure strict implementation of the Government guidelines. The duty of these companies is to supply adequate quantity of oxygen to district and it should be ensured by the Drugs Controller. At any cost, the district must not face the shortage of oxygen, she added.

Additional Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Assistant Drugs Controller Nagaraju and others were present.

Representatives from medical oxygen refiling companies like Padaki Air Products, Southern Gas Limited, Mahathi Oxygen Company, Peenya Industrial Gases and Mangala Ravi Enterprisers participated in the meeting.

Property Tax

MCC extends 5 percent rebate till June 30

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (RK&KS) - The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has extended the five percent rebate in payment of Property Tax for two more months and property owners can now pay their taxes online till June 30.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, speaking to *SOM* this morning said that oral communication has been given to the heads of all departments. The last date for the payment of online Property Tax with rebate was to end today.

WORD OF THE DAY

Impresario

Pronunciation: im-pruh-SAHR-ee-oh.
Meaning: The promoter, manager, or conductor of an opera or concert company; a person who puts on or sponsors an entertainment (such as a television show or sports event); manager, director.
Origin: English borrowed impresario directly from Italian, whose noun impresa means "undertaking." A close relative is the English word emprise ("an adventurous, daring, or chivalric enterprise"), which, like impresario, traces back to the Latin verb prehendere, meaning "to seize." (That verb is also the source of apprehend, comprehend, and prehensile.) English speakers were impressed enough with impresario to borrow it in the 1700s, at first using it, as the Italians did, especially of opera company managers. It should be noted that, despite their apparent similarities, impress and impresario are not related. Impress is a descendant of the Latin pressare, a form of the verb premere, which means "to press."
Example: The former heavyweight retired from the ring and later became a boxing impresario.

THE ODD WORD

Ianthine

Violet-coloured.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

In a Pickle

Meaning: This phrase in English means a person is in a difficult situation.
Origin: The origin of the phrase in a pickle goes back to at least the 17th century. It was utilized in a play called *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare in 1611. There are two characters in the play, Alonso and Trinculo, who both use the expression while speaking to each other: "Alonso. And Trinculo is reeling ripe: where should they
Find this grand liquor that hath gilded 'em?
How camest thou in this pickle?
Trinculo. I have been in such a pickle since I
saw you last that, I fear me, will never out of
my bones: I shall not fear fly-blowing."
The meaning of this phrase was different then. Today, it means "to be in a rough spot," but in Shakespeare's play it means "to be drunk." Accordingly, some modern English translations of this play render what Trinculo said as: "I have been so drunk since I last saw you," or something along those lines. So when did this idiom develop its modern meaning? By the looks of it, this happened not long after the Shakespeare play. For example, Samuel Pepys used the phrase in the mid-17th century. He wrote it down in his diary in the year 1660: "At home with the workmen all the afternoon, our house being in a most sad pickle."

QUOTE BOX

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.

—Aristotle

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

GETTINGITALL

Answer: Getting it all together.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Sch. affiliate
4 Empty spaces or intervals
8 Island of Hawaii
12 Paddle
13 Fencer's blade
14 At the home of, in French
15 One of the bad guys in Lord of the Rings
16 Sign of tiredness
17 Vehicle for hire
18 Is ahead in a race?
20 Dead Letter Off.
22 Shrill cry of dog
25 Peak
28 Word for word
31 Jetties
33 2001, in old Rome
34 This is left when a tooth comes out
36 Indian prime minister 1991-6
37 Used up
40 High-spirited and romping girls?
43 Mt. Rushmore's state (1,3)
44 Palindromic boy
45 Explosive sound
47 Bird of prey
51 Ship's body
54 Open and ___ case : a fairly obvious case?
57 Fishing implement
58 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
59 One's ___ of life : the time one is expected to live?
60 Verse form
61 Becomes firm
62 Scarlett's home
63 Gain victory

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	D	D	■	H	E	R	E	■	■	B	U	D
A	O	A	■	O	S	A	K	A	■	U	N	I
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I	D	L	E	■	■	P	L	E	N	T	Y	■
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R	O	D	■	N	O	U	N	S	■	H	A	N
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■	C	H	E	E	S	E	■	■	O	B	E	Y
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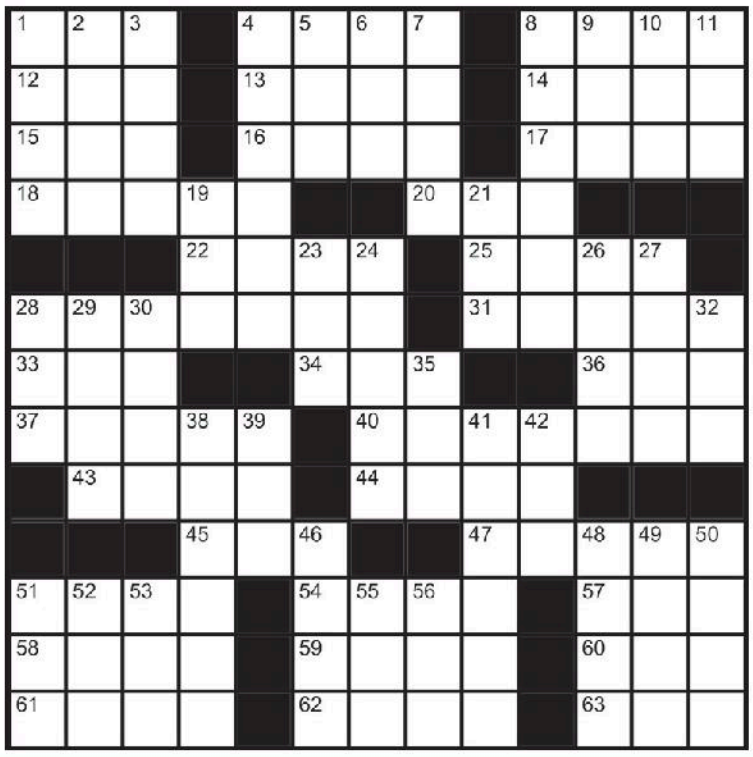
U	L	T	■	D	E	M	O	N	■	B	O	X
N	E	E	■	■	D	A	M	E	■	S	O	L

DOWN
1 Swimming place
2 Amount deducted from weight
3 Reliquary
4 Gushing hot spring
5 Assoc. in Pub. Admin.
6 Church seat
7 Transmit
8 Marine creatures
9 Exclamation of triumph or surprise
10 Jinx or curse
11 Israeli weapon
19 Colouring agent
21 Drink like a cat
23 Fall behind
24 Greek philosopher
26 Architect Saarinen
27 Diagnostic aid (1-3)
28 London, Midland and Scottish
29 Devilish ones
30 Tongue ____ : speechless through shyness, etc.
32 Signal for aid
35 Go to the ___ : deteriorate?
38 Italian city
39 Bout ender: abbr.
41 Sicilian volcano (2,4)
42 Fur scarf
46 Attention-getter
48 Increase in size
49 Ebrahim ___ was overthrown by Baber
50 Kolkata's ___ Gardens
51 Owns
52 Southwest Indian
53 __ alone : without mentioning, in a way?
55 High Power Amplifier
56 Former Mideast org.



SUDOKO

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	2		1		6			8
							1	5

Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	7	4	1	9	8	3	5
3	5	8	6	2	7	4	1	9
4	1	9	8	5	3	6	7	2
2	4	5	3	9	8	1	6	7
7	9	1	2	4	6	3	5	8
8	6	3	5	7	1	2	9	4
9	7	4	1	3	2	5	8	6
5	3	6	9	8	4	7	2	1
1	8	2	7	6	5	9	4	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FGCFXG QMNG RCHZNGL MKU HQCJIQHL

CV TQZDQ HQGO MWG JKMTMWG.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Keeping your body healthy is an expression of gratitude to the whole cosmos - the trees, the clouds, everything.

Shaw's 82 guides Delhi to 7-wicket win over Kolkata

Ahmedabad, Apr. 30 (UNI)- Riding on a blazing fifty (18-ball 50) by Prithvi Shaw, Delhi Capitals (DC) sealed a comfortable seven-wicket win against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in an IPL game, here on Thursday.

Batting first, opener Shubman Gill, who scored a 38-ball 43, provided a good start but KKR struggled in the middle overs as they lost wickets at regular intervals.

However, Russell's fiery knock of 45 runs off 27 balls towards the end of the innings lifted the Knight Riders and took them to 154 for 6 in 20 overs.

For Delhi, the spin duo of Axar Patel (2/32) and Lalit Yadav (2/13) snared two wickets each, while Avesh Khan (1/31) picked one.

In reply, opener Prithvi Shaw (82 off 41) and Shikhar Dhawan (46) stitched together a 132-run opening stand which made the chase quite comfortable for DC.

Rishabh Pant gave the finishing touches with an 8-ball 16 as DC chased down the target in 16.3 overs.

Pat Cummins (3/24) was the most successful bowler for KKR.

This was DC's fifth win in seven outings which propelled them to 2nd spot on the IPL 2021 points table while KKR suffered their fifth loss in as seven games.

BRIEF SCORES — Kolkata Knight Riders: 154 for 6 in 20 overs (Andrew Russell 45, Shubman Gill 43; Lalit Yadav 2/13, Axar Patel 2/32). **Delhi Capitals:** 156/3 in 16.3 overs (Prithvi Shaw 82, Shikhar Dhawan 46; Pat Cummins 3/24).

IPL 2021

TODAY'S MATCH (APRIL 30)

PBKS Vs **RCB** — 7.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCH (MAY 1)

MI Vs **CSK** — 7.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MI - 172 / 3 (18.3)
beat
RR - 171 / 4 (20)

DC - 156 / 3 (16.3)
beat
KKR - 154 / 6 (20)

Live Telecast on

[Source: www.iplt20.com]

De Kock's 50 leads Mumbai to comfortable win against RR

New Delhi, Apr. 30 (UNI)- Riding on fantastic fifty by Quinton de Kock, defending champions Mumbai Indians (MI) thrashed Rajasthan Royals (RR) by 7 wickets in an IPL game, here on Thursday.

Put into bat, Rajasthan Royals posted 171 for four in 20 overs. Skipper Sanju Samson (42 off 27 balls), Jos Buttler (41 off 32 balls) and Shivam Dube (35 off 31 balls) made useful contributions with the bat for RR.

For Mumbai, spinner Rahul Chahar (2/33) picked two wickets, while pacers Jasprit Bumrah (1/15) and Trent Boult (1/37) took one wicket each.

In reply, opener De Kock smashed an unbeaten 50-ball 70, while Krunal Pandya made 39 off 26 balls as MI gunned down the target in 18.3 overs to break their two-match losing streak.

Chris Morris (2/33) was the most successful bowler for RR, while Mustafizur Rahman (1/) picked one wicket.

It was Mumbai's third win in six matches of IPL 2021.

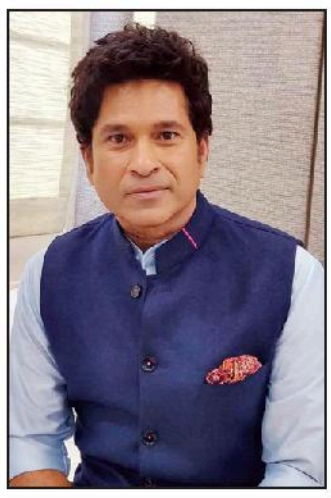
BRIEF SCORES

Rajasthan Royals: 171 for 4 in 20 overs (Sanju Samson 42, Jos Buttler 41; Rahul Chahar 2/33).

Mumbai Indians: 172 for 3 in 18.3 overs (Quinton de Kock 70 not out; Chris Morris 2/33).

COVID-19

Tendulkar donates Rs. 1 crore to procure Oxygen Concentrators



New Delhi, Apr. 30 (UNI)- In a touching gesture, legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar on Thursday donated Rs. 1 crore to procure Oxygen Concentrators for COVID-19 patients in the country as it battles a raging second wave of the global pandemic.

"His donation of Rs. 1 crore to 'Mission Oxygen' in its endeavour to procure and provide life-saving oxygen concentrators to hospitals across the nation in this time of need is incredibly heart-warming," read a statement from Mission Oxygen, which is a fund-raising initiative by Delhi-NCR based entrepreneurs for importing supplies like concentrators and donating them to hospitals in need.

The 48-year-old also took to twitter to praise the initiative. "The second wave of COVID has put our health-care system under immense pressure. Providing oxygen for the large number of serious COVID patients is the need of the hour," Tendulkar wrote on his twitter handle.

"It is heartening to see how people are rising to the occasion. A group of 250 young entrepreneurs have launched Mission Oxygen to raise funds for importing Oxygen Concentrators and donating them to hospitals across the country.

I've helped by contributing to the cause and hope that their effort soon reaches out to many more hospitals across India. Today, we have to stand together behind everyone that is working hard to fight this pandemic," he added.

Tendulkar, who had spent some time in hospital himself after testing positive for the dreaded infection last month, has also pledged to donate plasma once he is eligible.

No vaccination in Private Hospitals from tomorrow

- 18-plus population has to wait for free jab
- Online registration must for 45 years plus beneficiaries for first dose in both urban and rural areas
- Govt. to withdraw vaccine remaining with Private Hospitals by this evening

Mysuru, Apr. 30 (SSV)- Owing to shortage of COVID-19 vaccine, the State Government is learnt to have decided to stop supplying vaccines to Private Hospitals from tomorrow.

So, there will no be free vaccination at Private Hospital sites.

There will be no on-the-spot registration for even 45 years-plus beneficiaries from tomorrow and they must register online if they are taking first dose.

Besides, the vaccine stock remaining in those Private Hospitals will be withdrawn by this evening and will be used in the Government facilities.

Highly placed sources told *SOM* that this was decided in a video-conference with State Health Department officers this morning, before issuing guidelines on the new vaccination rule that will come into effect from May 1.

Mandatory online registration

Sources pointed out lot of changes in vaccination rules which included mandatory registration of beneficiaries above 45 years of age, no matter they reside in urban or rural areas. After registration, at the time of coming to vaccination sites, they must show the screen shot of online registration details plus photo identity card. However, this rule was not applicable for those whose second dose of vaccine was pending.

The sources pointed out that the Government was working out a separate mechanism for supplying of vaccine to Private Hospitals through different distribution network. But there will be no change in regard to cap on vaccine rate and registration of beneficiaries in CoWIN portal.

With no Government supply of vaccine to Private Hospitals, the existing Government sites to give the jab free of cost, will stop functioning from tomorrow. The vaccination will continue only in Government facilities including Taluk Hospitals, Urban Primary Health Centres and Primary Health Centres.

In Mysuru, free vaccination was going on for around a month in 30 Private Hospitals, and those will stop functioning from tomorrow. In fact, these Private Hospitals had joined hands with the Government to do free vaccination for the maximum coverage of population from the dreaded Coronavirus.

Leaving them at this juncture has given a feeling that the shortage of vaccine has forced the Government to take such a decision. It was said that new vaccines are expected to be available across the counter from next week and the Government wants the hospitals to buy those vaccine without depending upon the Government for the supply.

No vaccine for 18-plus

The sources said the Government has indefinitely postponed vaccinating citizens above 18 years of age due to delay in vaccine manufacturing at two companies owing to demand for vaccines from all the States and Union Territories. The Government of Karnataka had promised free vaccination for 18-plus population from May 1 but that will not happen now. These beneficiaries can only register their names in CoWIN 2.0 web portal but date of vaccination, site and other details will not be furnished as of now.

New guidelines

- **Follow staggered method by giving time and date to beneficiaries to avoid crowding**
- **ASHA, Anganwadi workers to work as volunteers at vaccination sites**
- **On-the-spot beneficiaries will get vaccination only if one or two doses are left in vial**
- **Beneficiaries of second dose must carry details of first dose without fail.**
- **Carry Aadhaar card compulsorily even after registration of names online.**
- **Vaccination for citizens above 45 years of age will continue till May 12 (6 am).**

So far, we have not received any communication regarding stopping of supply of vaccine to Private Hospitals which were vaccinating people free of cost. We were considered as Government Hospitals and allowed to inoculate people. I am optimistic that the Government is going to sort out this issue as 30 big Private Hospitals are vaccinating people in Mysuru city. We will be allowed to continue vaccination once the supply chain is restored.

— Dr. H.V. Santhrupth,
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Nandini outlets open from 6 am to 8 pm

Mysuru, Apr.30- In a major relief to KMF (Karnataka Milk Federation) amidst the Statewide COVID Curfew, the State Government on Thursday issued an order permitting all Nandini Milk Parlours and Outlets to remain open from 6 am to 8 pm.

Earlier, due to COVID Curfew, Nandini Outlets were allowed to open only from 6 am till 10 am, just like any other shops selling essential commodities. This four-hour window period for a vital product like milk, had caused huge resentment among the public. The Government, taking note of this, ordered opening of all Nandini Outlets of KMF across the State from 6 am to 8 pm.

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